

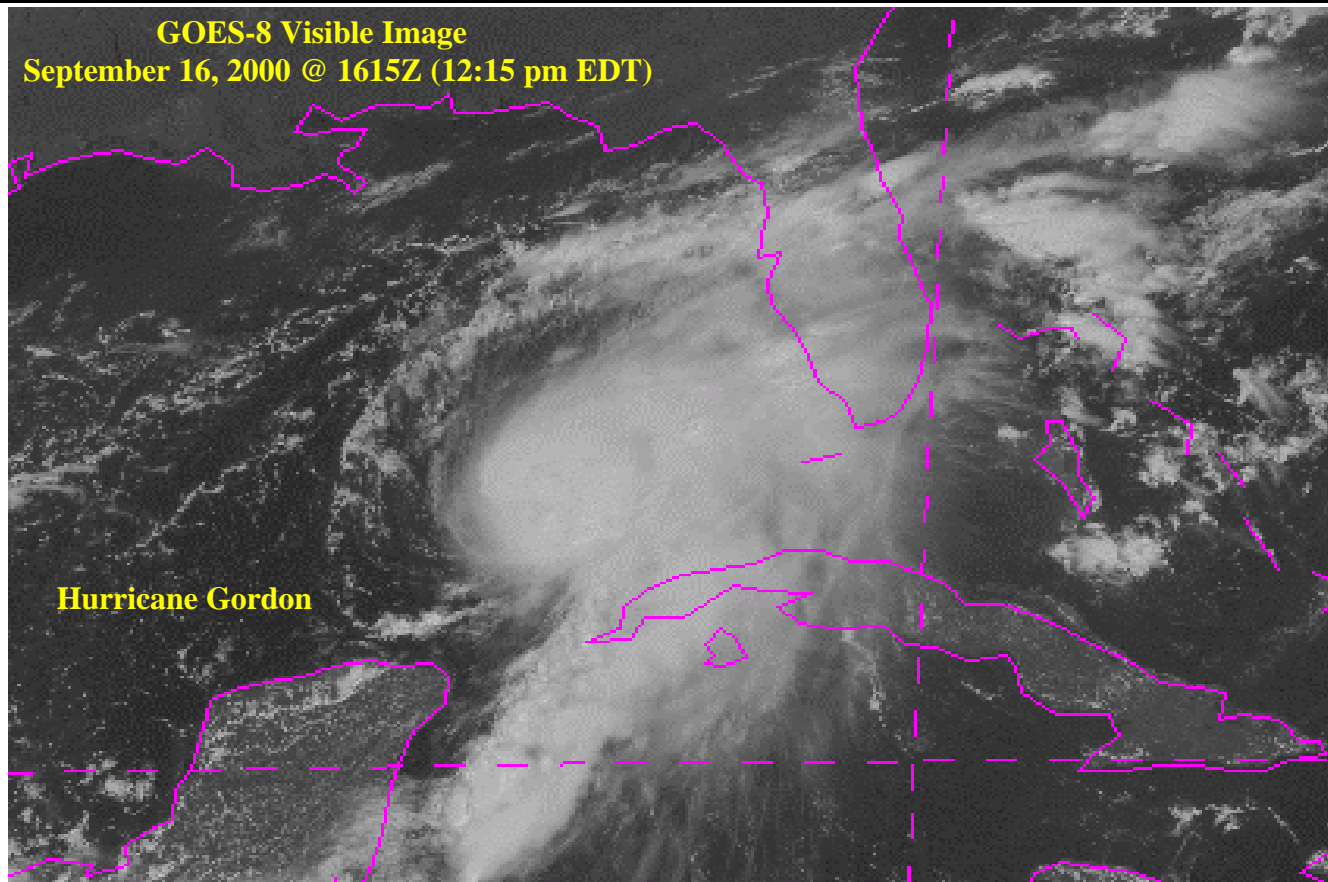
WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN

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Hurricane Gordon

HIGHLIGHTS

September 10-16, 2000

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Hot, dry weather persisted across the **western half of the Nation**, favoring summer crop dry down and harvesting, but causing winter wheat planting delays and hampering the emergence of already planted wheat. Weekly temperatures averaged generally 4 to 10°F above normal in the **Plains** and **Intermountain West**, peaking at or above 100°F as far north as **southern Idaho** and **southeastern Montana**. In contrast, widespread, locally heavy showers preceded the arrival of sharply cooler air in the **Midwest** and **East**. Weekly rainfall exceeded 2 inches in many areas from **Wisconsin** and **Illinois** into the **Northeast**, slowing fieldwork but aiding immature summer

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